

Corporations under
general laws.

SEC. 6. *Corporations under general laws.* No corporation shall be created, nor shall its charter be extended, altered, or amended by special act, except corporations for charitable, educational, penal, or reformatory purposes that are to be and remain under the patronage and control of the State; but the General Assembly shall provide by general laws for the chartering and organization of all corporations, and for amending, extending, and forfeiture of all charters, except those above permitted by special act. All such general laws and special acts may be altered from time to time or repealed; and the General Assembly may at any time by special act repeal the charter of any corporation.

Art. XII.

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Amendments.

AMENDMENTS, EXISTING LAWS AND OFFICES

Constitutional
convention.

SECTION 1. *Constitutional Convention.* No convention of the people of this State shall ever be called by the General Assembly, unless by the concurrence of two-thirds of all of the members of each House of the General Assembly, and except the proposition, Convention or No Convention, be first submitted to the qualified voters of the whole State in a manner to be prescribed by law. And should a majority of the votes cast be in favor of said convention, it shall assemble on such day as may be prescribed by the General Assembly. A convention, when called, shall be limited to 120 delegates and such delegates shall be elected upon basis of the membership in the House of Representatives.

Submitted to
voters.

Number of
delegates.

Amendment of
Constitution.

SEC. 2. *Amendment of the Constitution.* No part of the Constitution of this State shall be altered unless a bill to alter the same shall have been agreed to by three-fifths of each House of the General Assembly. And the amendment or amendments so agreed to shall be submitted at the next general election to the qualified voters of the whole State, in such manner as may be prescribed by law. And in the event of their adoption by a majority of the votes cast, such amendment or amendments shall become a part of the Constitution of this State.

Submission
to voters.

Non-conflicting
laws remain
in force.

SEC. 3. *Laws to remain in force.* The laws of North Carolina, not repugnant to this Constitution or the Constitution and laws of the United States, shall be and remain in force until lawfully altered. The provisions of the prior Constitution and its amendments not embodied herein, shall, except as inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution, remain in force as statutory law subject to the power of the General Assembly to repeal or modify any or all of them.